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DETROIT MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON ON FEDERAL DRUG CHARGES

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Shawn S. Davis, 27, of Detroit, was sentenced today to 24 months in prison and three years of supervised release by United States District Judge Thomas E. Johnston on federal drug charges. Davis previously pleaded guilty in December 2010 to distribution of heroin. Davis admitted to participating in an arranged drug transaction on April 22, 2010, with a confidential informant working with law enforcement. Prior to meeting the defendant in an alley near Virginia Street in Charleston, the informant had been given \$215 of pre-recorded buy money to purchase one bundle (made up of 10 bags) of heroin and a single 80-milligram OxyContin pill. Davis admitted to giving the informant a quantity of heroin and two 80-milligram Oxycontin pills in exchange for \$280 in cash. Immediately following the drug transaction, the informant met with Metro Drug Enforcement and Network Team (MDENT) personnel to turn over the heroin, the remaining 80-milligram OxyContin pill, and the video and audio equipment worn during the arranged buy.

“This prosecution continues my office’s commitment to addressing this district’s opiate crisis,” stated U.S. Attorney Booth Goodwin. “Out of state drug dealers peddling pills and heroin will be prosecuted and dealt with harshly. I was pleased to hear that Judge Johnston shares my sentiment when he said at today’s hearing: ‘Drug dealers from Detroit are not welcome here.’”

The investigation was conducted by the Metro Drug Enforcement and Network Team. Assistant United States Attorney Monica Schwartz handled the prosecution.

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MEXICAN NATIONAL SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR ILLEGALLY REENTERING THE UNITED STATES FOLLOWING DEPORTATION

CHARLESTON, W. Va. – A Mexican national, who had previously been deported from the United States, was sentenced to 30 months in prison today by United States District Judge John T. Copenhaver Jr., for illegally reentering the country. Isaias Sarabia-Santiago, 28, pleaded guilty in January to illegally reentering the United States following his deportation because of a felony assault conviction.

The conviction stems from a traffic stop conducted by the West Virginia State Police on September 14, 2010. Troopers stopped a car on the West Virginia Turnpike for running a toll booth near Beckley, West Virginia. Sarabia-Santiago, a passenger in the car, admitted to being in the United States illegally. Troopers then notified agents with the Department of Homeland Security. Agents later learned that Sarabia-Santiago had been previously removed from the United States by

ICE, and he had come back from Mexico without permission. Sarabia-Santiago was previously convicted in North Carolina for assaulting a person with a firearm and inflicting serious bodily injury.

The West Virginia State Police and the Department of Homeland Security conducted the investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Erik Goes handled the prosecution.

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